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Letter dated 10 September 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the statement by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia regarding the death of the United Nations peace-keepers (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia regarding the death of the United Nations peace-keepers

(Belgrade, 10 September 1992)

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia strongly condemns the deliberate and premeditated attack on the humanitarian aid convoy for the suffering inhabitants of Sarajevo. The death of the French soldiers from the United Nations peace-keeping forces is a tragic epilogue of the irrational and cruel behaviour in war-shattered Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We should like to point out that the Federal Government has fully accomplished its obligations and has secured free and safe passage of the convoy on the road from Belgrade to Sarajevo. Therefore, the latest attack on the peace convoy for humanitarian aid demonstrates one of the most serious blows to the peace efforts of the Federal Government and the whole world. The Yugoslav Government points out that the peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which has been started in the Conference on Yugoslavia in London, has been endangered. The Yugoslav Government considers that under no conditions should the peace process be stopped, since there are extremists who are not concerned about establishing the peace.

The Federal Government is asking all the involved sides in this war to do all that is in their power to ensure that such tragic events never occur again.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is expressing its most sincere condolences to the families of the French soldiers, to the Government of the Republic of France and to the command of the United Nations Protection Force.